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APRIL EVENTS AT THE NASA VISITOR CENTER

Saturday, April 3: "Model Rocket Launch"

A model rocket launch will be held at 1 p.m. on the Visitor Center grounds. Models of various rockets will be launched. Model rocketeers are invited to bring their own rockets and launch them. The launch will be canceled if it is raining or winds exceed 18 mph.

Saturday, April 10: "Head in the Clouds"

What is so important about a few clouds in the sky? What would happen to Earth if there were no clouds? During this 45-minute program, participants will discover the role of clouds in Earth's atmosphere and learn to identify the most common cloud types.

Saturday, April 17: Junior Girl Scout Aerospace Merit Badge Program

Junior Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to fulfill the requirements of the Aerospace Merit Badge. This program is open to Junior Girl Scouts only. Registration is required by April 8 and space is limited. For more information, call 824-2298.

Saturday, April 24: Earth Day

The Visitor Center will celebrate Earth Day with a host of scheduled programs those that run throughout the day. For more information on the schedule, call 824-2298.

Scheduled Earth Day programs

10:00 Marsh Walk
11:00 "Feathers"
12:00 Native flower planting
12:30 Reading of Dr. Seuss' "The Lorax"
1:00 "Life on Earth" Bingo
2:00 "The Power of Plankton"
3:00 "Secret Worlds: The Universe Within"
3:30 "Sun-Earth Connections"

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Ongoing Earth Day activities and exhibits

Wetland Scavenger Hunt
Visitor Center Trash Pickup
"Schoolhouse Rocks"
"From Earth or Space?"

"Puppets in Space"

"Puppets in Space", a 10-minute puppet show, will be presented at 11 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Puppet astronauts and Sam the monkey will explore space flight, including the space suit. An eight-minute version of the film "Astrosmiles" follows the puppet show.

*Due to other scheduled events, there will not be a Puppet Show on April 17th or 24th.

Daily: "Space Ace"

Children ages 5-10 years can earn a "Space Ace" certificate and a lithograph during their Visitor Center experience by completing an activity sheet.

Sundays: "Humans in Space"

"Humans in Space" is the subject of a 1 p.m. program for children of all ages. The 30-minute program looks at living and working in space, including a review of the astronauts' culinary delights and their wardrobe.

The Visitor Center, part of the Robert L. Krieger Education Complex, is open Thursday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located on Route 175 about six miles from Route 13 and five miles from Chincoteague, VA. Admission to Visitor Center programs is free. For further information, please call (757) 824-2298.

For information about the Visitor Center on the Internet, visit

<http://www.wff.nasa.gov/vc>